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SOMEHOW, MIKE, I DON'T THINK WE'RE IN CLEVELAND ANYMORE--
TONY ISABELLA on The
JUSTICE MACHINE

The hectic pace of the summer convention season is at last over and, as I write, the sobering fall has finally come to our doorstep. This season is one of the main reasons I put up with this planet at all. It provides a peace which brings me back to my youth while simultaneously sparking new and fresh outlooks on my surroundings. It is a time for daydreaming.

Comico began as a daydream, but, like all dreams, did not come true without a lot of hard work and dumb luck. We've had our share of both through the years, but most importantly we've had an audience that cherished the qualities that make our medium stand out from all the rest: originality, innovation, style, humor, intelligence, spontaneity!

We are all very proud of what Comico has accomplished in the last few years and would like to thank you for making it all possible. You have proven that there is still a place in this world for good solid storytelling and high-quality art. We look into the future with new eyes, new dreams, and a renewed commitment to the quality that is expected from Comico.

All I can add at this point is: 1987 . . . *Here We Come!*

In January 1987, **Mike Gustovich** and **Tony Isabella** are gonna knock you out with the new, monthly **JUSTICE MACHINE** series they've been cooking up! It's real! The storyline is a fresh and bold approach to the team that was the smash hit of 1986. Tony's careful handling of these characters is some of his finest work to date, while Mike's artistic abilities are better than ever, as you can tell by our cover. (Hey, who are those two guys anyway?!) Some intense changes are in store for both you and the Machine, so hold on to your skateboards!

Yes, the first issue of the **STAR BLAZERS** four-issue mini-series will be out in April '87 and it is beautiful! We have America's ultimate authorities on this popular Japanese television show at the helm of our comic series, **Phil Foglio** (MYTH ADVENTURES) and **Doug Rice** (DYNAMO JOE), guaranteeing you the best story and art possible! Printed in full color, this story will take Wildstar, Nova, Dr. Sane, Desslok, and others into an all-new adventure, never before seen in any other format. It's all brand new! Now, I don't want to let any cats out of the bag, but I can tell you that Dr. Sane finally runs out of mineral water!

Also in 1987, we will release a **ROBOTECH IN 3-D** special which will recount the first chapter of **ROBOTECH** as told in Comico's **MACROSS #1.** This book will contain an all-new script by **Markalan Joplin** and new art by **Mike Leeke** and **Mike Chen.** 3-D expert **Ray Zone** will also be working on the project, assuring us some gorgeous effects. We have been deluged with letters asking Comico to reprint **MACROSS #1,** citing its scarcity and high cost. To satisfy everyone, we felt this new 3-D book would not take away from the original's collector status while still allowing new readers in on the series from the very first story. This is a one-time 3-D special from Comico, so don't miss it!

Let's move on! How would a three-issue mini-series by **Doug Wildey** grab ya?! Awesome, you say? Or how about a 64-page graphic novel by **Doug Wildey?** Rad, you say? Well, how about both? I thought so! Due to the amazing reaction to our **JONNY QUEST** series, May will see the release of a three-issue mini-series titled **JONNY QUEST CLASSICS,** entirely written and illustrated by the grand master himself . . . **Doug Wildey.** Each issue will be a full-color adaptation of one of the original 1964 *Quest* episodes.

And then in June, Comico and Doug bring back the excitement and action of the wild wild west in **RIO,** a 64-page graphic novel. Another full-color production by Wildey, this book will feature all of the **RIO** material originally published in ECLIPSE MONTHLY in 1984 as well as some brand new interior and cover art. Americana never looked so good!

Another three-issue mini-series coming in May will feature everyone's favorite Elemental, **FATHOM,** written by **Lawrence Schick,** pencilled by **Jill Thompson,** and inked by **Keith Wilson.** Both Schick and Thompson are relative newcomers to the biz and are doing a tremendous job with **Bill Willingham's** brain child.

I'm running low on space, so . . . a **SPACE GHOST** one-shot special by **Steve Rude** and **Mark Evanier,** with painted color by **Ken Steacy** . . . a **GUMBY SPECIAL** by the unlikely team of **Bob Burden** (FLAMING CARROT) and **Arthur Adams** (NEW MUTANTS) . . . a **Fish Police** color special by **Steve Moncuse** . . . and a whole lot more! And yes, you were reading correctly last **CHECKLIST** — we are very proud to announce that this coming summer Comico will be publishing **THE ROCKETEER ADVENTURE MAGAZINE** featuring all-new stories produced by **Dave Stevens** and a back-up story by **Mike Kaluta** and **Elaine Lee,** titled **GALACTIC GIRL GUIDES.**

The Rocketeer is back! Stevens and Kaluta in one book! This is going to be the most anticipated series of 1987! More next **CHECKLIST.** Promise!

Oh, one more thing! While attending the summer cons, I was asked by several people why I sign my diatribes the way I do. The following lyrics are from a song that I've been listening to for years, especially in the fall, and especially while daydreaming! It should answer your questions:

There was a time when you
were so young and walked in
their way
They made you feel they loved
you all seeing they say
You're going wrong if their game
you don't play
And that the song I sing will
lead you astray
Unfeeling, feel lonely—
rejection. Unknowing, know
you're going wrong
But they can't see that we're
just trying to be
and not what we seem
And even now believe that
it's not real and only a dream
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Peace — and may all your daydreams become a reality!

Just Trying To Be,
Bob Schreck
Administrative Director

Coming from COMICO...

Shipping January 9th
Newsstand titles on sale 1/30/87

GRENDEL #4: *By writer* ***Matt Wagner,*** *pencillers* ***Arnold*** *and* ***Jacob Pander,*** *and inker* ***Jay Geldhof.*** *Cover by the* ***Pander Bros.*** *and* ***Dave Stevens.***

JUSTICE MACHINE #1: *By* ***Tony Isabella*** *and creator/artist* ***Mike Gustovich*** *join forces as the Justice Machine enter an exciting new epoch of action-packed adventures!*

ROBOTECH Masters #13: *Scripted by* ***Mike Baron*** *and pencilled by* ***Neil Vokes,*** *"Triumvirate" marks the debut of* ***Tom Poston*** *as the series' regular inker.*

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ROBOTECH The New Generation #13: *Scripted by* ***Markalan Joplin,*** *pencilled by* ***Harrison Fong,*** *and inked by* ***Bill Anderson.*** *Plus, an amazing painted cover by* ***Ken Steacy.***

JONNY QUEST #8: *By writer* ***William Messner-Loebs*** *and penciller/inker/colorist* ***Ken Steacy.***

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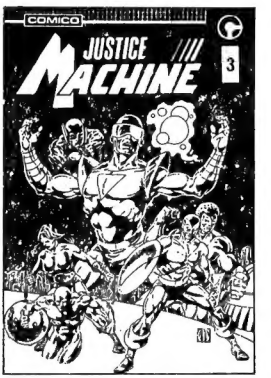
GRENDEL #5: *The conflict between Grendel and Tujiro comes to a head as they meet in battle. Christine grows more desperate in her pursuit, while Brian begins to suspect her true nature. More mysteries and revelations from writer* ***Matt Wagner,*** *penciller* ***Arnold*** *and* ***Jacob Pander,*** *and inker* ***Jay Geldhof.***

JUSTICE MACHINE #2: *Maxinor sends the Justice Machine back to Georwell where everything they ever believed in is ripped away, as the time comes for "Choosing Sides." Written by* ***Tony Isabella*** *and illustrated by* ***Mike Gustovich.***

ROBOTECH The Macross Saga #17: *Rick fights for his life as his fevered imagination takes him on a demented journey in "Phantasm." New writer* ***Markalan Joplin*** *is joined by guest penciller* ***Harrison Fong*** *and inker* ***Chris Kalnick.*** *Cover painting by* ***Ken Steacy.***



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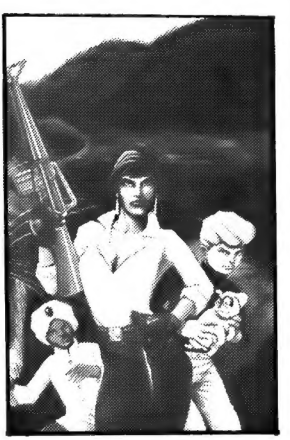
ELEMENTALS #12: *What kind of dreams do you have when a L.A.W.'s rocket just put a hole through you? Weird ones. "Halflife" is a terrifying and unforgettable journey through the mind of Monolith by writer/penciller* ***Bill Willingham*** *and new regular inker* ***Keith Wilson.***

JONNY QUEST #9: *When the sun goes down in a small town, panthers and mysterious men in black prowl the woods. The Quest team discovers why in "A Fire In Green Meadows" by writer* ***William Messner-Loebs*** *and artist* ***Murphy Anderson.*** *Wraparound cover painting by* ***Tim Truman.***

ROBOTECH Masters #14: *The Masters fear they've been contaminated by the most deadly force of all — emotion! Things get warmer between Sean and Marie, while Dana's feelings for Zor grow more confused. "Clone Chamber" is scripted by* ***Mike Baron,*** *pencilled by* ***Neil Vokes*** *and inked by* ***Tom Poston.***



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GRENDEL #6: *Things start to come to a head. Regina is interrogated by Argent. Christine becomes firm in her conviction and makes decisive moves against Tujiro. The Grendel saga continues with writer* ***Matt Wagner,*** *penciller* ***Arnold*** *and* ***Jacob Pander,*** *and inker* ***Jay Geldhof.***

JUSTICE MACHINE #3: *The all-new, all-different Justice Machine battles the all-old, very confused Justice Machine. Plus a special solo story pitting Challenger against the one enemy he thought he would never face! Written by* ***Tony Isabella*** *and illustrated by* ***Mike Gustovich.***

ROBOTECH The New Generation #14: *While journeying through the forest, Annie encounters a young tribal prince — and falls in love! Don't miss "Annie's Wedding," by scripter* ***Jack Herman,*** *penciller* ***Reggie Byers,*** *and new inker* ***Rich Rankin.***

Shipping March 20th
Newsstand titles on sale 4/30/87

COMICO CHECKLIST #6: *Extra! Extra! Read all about it! Comico The Comic Company announces future projects, upcoming stories, and new products! All-new cover art featured, plus much, much more, in the collectable COMICO CHECKLIST #6! Get it while it's hot! A splendid time is guaranteed for all!*

JONNY QUEST #10: *While on a visit to the British Isles, Jonny and Hadji are transported back to the court of King Richard III to watch history transform itself before their very eyes! "Winters of Discontent" is written by* ***William Messner-Loebs*** *and illustrated by* ***Marc Hempel, Mark Wheatley,*** *and* ***Kathryn Mayer.***

ROBOTECH The Macross Saga #18: *At last, the heartbreaking story of the final mission of Roy Fokker. A milestone in the ROBOTECH saga, "Farewell, Big Brother" introduces the new regular creative team of scripter* ***Markalan Joplin,*** *penciller* ***Mike Leeke,*** *and inker* ***Mike Chen.***

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